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MACARTHUR FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

MACARTHUR FC

V

MELBOURNE Victory F.C.

FRIDAY 14 MAY
KICK-OFF 7:05PM
CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM

MATCH DAY PARTNER

WISDOM HOMES

2020/21 A-LEAGUE LADDER

#		CLUB	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GA	PTS
1	—	Melbourne City FC	20	13	2	5	48	23	25	41
2	—	Central Coast Mariners	21	9	6	6	30	27	3	33
3	—	Sydney FC	21	8	8	5	29	22	7	32
4	—	Adelaide United	20	9	5	6	32	29	3	32
5	—	Macarthur FC	21	9	5	7	26	28	-2	32
6	—	Brisbane Roar FC	20	8	7	5	29	21	8	31
7	—	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	21	8	7	6	39	33	6	31
8	—	Western United FC	21	8	4	9	28	33	-5	28
9	—	Wellington Phoenix	21	7	6	8	32	29	3	27
10	—	Perth Glory	20	7	4	9	32	36	-4	25
11	—	Melbourne Victory	21	4	3	14	23	52	-29	15
12	—	Newcastle Jets	21	3	5	13	18	33	-15	14

PLAYER PROFILE
CHARLES M'MOMBWA

WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO SCORE YOUR FIRST A-LEAGUE GOAL?

It was a very special moment for me to get my first A-League goal, especially in front of my family and the home fans.

WHAT HAS THE JOURNEY BEEN LIKE FOR YOU TO GET WHERE YOU ARE TODAY?

It's been a long journey with many ups and downs, but I am happy to be where I am today. I am grateful for Ante and the coaching staff for giving me this opportunity to pursue my dream.

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE OPPONENT TO PLAY?

I enjoy playing against Melbourne City because they are a well structured team and they brought the best out of our team.

NAME: Charles M'Mombwa
AGE: 23
POSITION: Midfielder

WHO IS THE PLAYER YOU HAVE LEARNT FROM THE MOST THIS SEASON?

I wouldn't be able to pick just one, but to play alongside Millsy (Milligan), Beñat, Susaeta and Derbyshire has been incredible. They direct me on the field and off the field they are always giving me advice. It's a very special squad and I'm grateful to be part of it.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO ASPIRING FOOTBALLERS?

Honestly I would just say, work hard for what you believe in and the rest will work itself out. Anything is possible when you work hard.

MW20 MATCH REPORT: SUPERB SUSAETA HELPS SECURE 3 MASSIVE POINTS IN MELBOURNE

Following three draws in a row the Bulls travelled to AAMI Park to take on a much improved Melbourne Victory side for Thursday night football.

The inclusion of Markel Susaeta back into the starting side was almost immediately felt, after he found some open space in transition finding Lachlan Rose, who provided a great cross looking to find Matt Derbyshire inside the 6 yard box.

The Bulls looked dangerous in the opening 20 minutes, settling into a familiar pattern of dominating possession in the early stages, when a misjudged pass from Lachlan Rose to Charles M'Mombwa saw Victory capitalise on the mistake in transition.

Victory's Elvis Kamsober was the benefactor in the 22nd minute, giving the home side the lead.

The Bulls wouldn't be trailing for too long, with Markel Susaeta hitting back just 8 minutes later. With Victory trying to play out from the back, Beñat swooped on a loose ball on the edge of the box, feeding Susaeta to the left and the Spaniard levelled the scores on the half hour mark with a tightly angled finish.

The Bulls were fortunate to head into the break 1-1 after a flurry of chances for Victory to round out the half, most notably a stunning Jake Brimmer free kick, thundering into Federici's crossbar.

Settling into the second half, the Bulls thought they'd found the lead through Jake McGing, when he picked up the crumbs off a Beñat corner, only to be overturned by VAR after an accidental handball in the box by James Meredith.

10 minutes later, Meredith secured the lead for the Bulls off another quality Beñat corner, this time keeping his hands well clear. Leaping high above the pack for and getting the ball down under Victory keeper Matt Acton at the far post.

With 16 shots to 5 in the second half, Victory pushed hard to level the scores again, but some desperation in defence from Liam Rose and Mark Milligan, plus a number of crucial saves from gloveman Adam Federici, saw the Bulls take all three points away from Melbourne.

The win elevates the Bulls to equal second and importantly provides a buffer from the teams knocking on the fringe of the top six.

After scoring the match wining goal, James Meredith said at full time:

"It was an important game for us and a good to secure the three points tonight."

"Victory piled on the pressure in the second half, we had to concentrate and make sure we didn't give them anything."

"I'm pleased to score my first goal for the team, but now we need to refocus on next week. Tonight, we started off slow and we need to fix that to win back at our place on Friday." Meredith said.

Bulls Captain Mark Milligan said on Fox Sports after the match:

It's hard when you play teams like Victory. You need to keep up the intensity and do what you normally do. For the most part we did that tonight, although the little lapses we will need to fix and focus a little more for next Friday back at Campbelltown." Milligan said.

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CORPORATE NETWORK CLUB 100 PRODUCES OVER $35 MILLION IN B2B WORK

Macarthur FC's is excited to reveal that the club's corporate networking initiative, Club 100, has already produced over $35m worth of internal business between its members during the networks' inaugural year of events.

Club 100 is the Bulls official business networking venture and provides the club's corporate partners the opportunity to meet fellow likeminded companies using the world game as the vehicle.

This investment further strengthens the club's core corporate strategic focus in promoting and connecting local businesses.

Chairman Gino Marra said this was a wonderful achievement and reflection of local businesses supporting each other.

"COVID was tough for all of us. What this shows is that with the right framework in place, local businesses are able to grow and see the benefits of supporting each other."

"Producing over $35m of business is a great reflection that confidence and stability is returning to the market following the pandemic." Mr Marra said.

"Networking ventures aren't a new idea, however the difference with the Club 100 is the ability for some of the club's smaller partners to connect, expand and benefit directly with our major partners." Mr Marra added.

Local businesses can register for Macarthur FC's Club 100 by emailing corporate@macarthurfc.com.au.

Macarthur Square

BULLS IN SCHOOLS

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BULLS TO GET $38.5 MILLION HOME TO BUILD NEW TALENT

By: Tom Smithies

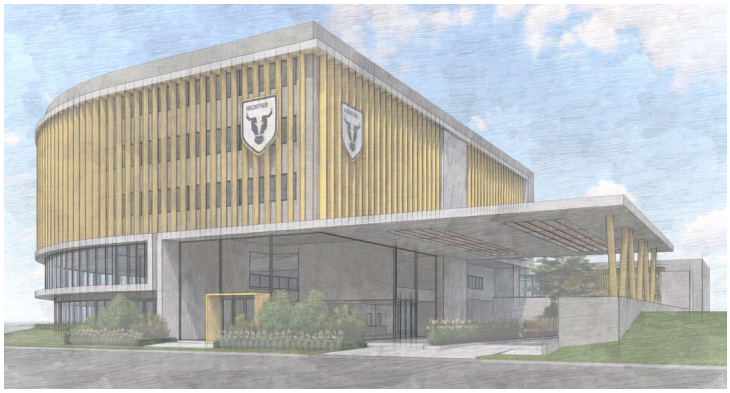
It's the $38.5m investment designed to produce a stream of future football stars - with a 200-year link to the A-League's newest club.

Macarthur FC have secured a 42-acre site near the village of Cawdor, next to Camden and 65km south west of Sydney, to build a football precinct housing the club's new W-League team, its NPL sides and its community arm, the Macarthur FC Foundation, with the aim of having the senior women's team training there in little more than 18 months.

The purchase comes amid the club's first season in the A-League, with Ante Milicic's side sitting fifth and aiming for a home final in their debut campaign, and ahead of the expected entry of a Westfield W-League team next season.

The $3.5m site at Cawdor was bought by the club's owners from the Boardman family of Camden, who in turn were gifted it in the early 1800s by John Macarthur- the eponymous prominent landowner after whom Macarthur FC is named.

Club chairman Gino Marra revealed plans to build a $35m complex in two stages, with the aim of housing every team associated with the club bar the A-League squad. The first team will be based at the Centre of Excellence currently underway at Macarthur Heights in conjunction with Campbelltown Council.



The first stage of the Cawdor project, compromising five pitches, administration buildings and a sports science unit, is scheduled to commence construction in November and will take 12 months to complete. The second stage will add another six pitches, allowing the club's academy sides to be based there in total.

Eventually, Marra said, the medical and sports science facilities would become a community asset, while long-term plans include a licensed club to act as a base for supporters.

"At the core of this is the fact we want to develop our own players, for both the A-League and W-League teams, and create a flow of talent," he said. "We'd been looking for the last eight or nine months for suitable land, and about three months ago we learned this plot might be available.

"The Boardman family are really pleased that the link to John Macarthur is there in the club name, and it's nice to have that sense of history when we are such a new club. Importantly, too, the facility will draw participants from Goulburn to Bankstown and in particular will aim to give young female participants in football a pathway to achieve their performance and participation goals.

"The most significant international sporting event in the 2023 Women's Football World Cup, which Australia will co-host, will give a significant impetus for participation in our game and we will need to be prepared for that."

The development will continue the trend of Australian club sides investing heavily in infrastructure, with Melbourne City moving to Casey Fields south-east of Melbourne to create another of its City Football Academies for close to $20m, Sydney FC hoping to move into their own, purpose-built complex in little more than a year, and the Wanderers having completed the $20m Wanderland complex that houses the entire club near Rooty Hill.

Macarthur FC continue their current campaign at home to Melbourne Victory on Friday night at Campbelltown Stadium, with the possibility of being second on the leaderboard if they defeat the struggling Victorian side.

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THIS WEEKS PLAYING SQUAD

Macarthur FC have named their squad for tomorrow evening's clash with Melbourne Victory at Campbelltown Stadium.

With the tightest race to the finals the A-League has ever seen, Macarthur FC will need to take all 3 points on Friday night at Campbelltown Stadium against Melbourne Victory, to keep their maiden finals hopes alive.

Having secured a come from behind victory last Thursday against the same opponent, tomorrow night's match looms as a must win for the Bulls who will be bolstered by the return of Ivan Franjic and Denis Genreau.

Macarthur FC's starting XI will be announced 60 minutes prior to kick-off tomorrow afternoon.

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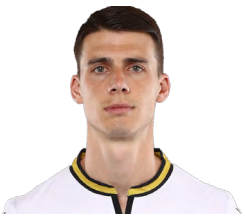
MACARTHUR SQUARE - LEVEL 3 - NEAR THE FOOD COURT

THIS WEEKS PLAYING SQUAD

1. FEDERICI (GK)

2. MCGING



3. GOLEC

4. BEÑAT

5. MILLIGAN (C)

7. FRANJIC

8. GENREAU

10. PUYO

12. MEREDITH

14. NAJJAR

15. SUSNJAR

16. SUMAN (GK)

19. RUHS

21. HOLLMAN

22. ROSE

24. M'MOMBWA

27. DERBYSHIRE

29. MARTIS

31. LA. ROSE

33. SUSAETA

MELBOURNE VICTORY A-LEAGUE SQUAD

1	MATT ACTON (GK)
2	STORM ROUX
6	LEIGH BROXHAM (C)
8	JACOB BUTTERFIELD
9	RUDY GESTEDE
10	ROBBIE KRUSE
11	BEN FOLAMI
13	BIRKAN KIRDAR
14	JAY BARNETT
15	AARON ANDERSON
17	ELVIS KAMSOBA
19	DYLAN RYAN
20	MAX CROCOMBE (GK)
22	JACOB BRIMMER
26	LLEYTON BROOKS
29	NISHAN VELUPILLAY
36	WILLIAM WILSON

OUR UPCOMING MATCHES

PERTH GLORY FC V MACARTHUR FC

HBF PARK
SUN 23 MAY | 8:15PM (AEST)

MACARTHUR FC V CENTRAL COAST MARINERS

CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM
THU 27 MAY | 7:05PM

WUFC V MACARTHUR FC

AAMI PARK
MON 31 MAY | 7:05PM

NEXT HOME MATCH

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THURSDAY 27 MAY
7:05PM

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